

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, after line 1 (title of the invention), please insert the following paragraph:

-- This application is a divisional Application of Application No. 10/011,815, filed December 11, 2001.--

On page 14, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 2 with the following paragraph.

--Apart from the above-discussed constituents, it is preferable to add one or more selected from the group consisting of elements such as C, Cr, Pb, Zn, Be, Mo, W, Mg and Ag; solid lubricant such as graphite, MnS and ~~Ca~~Fe<sub>2</sub>CaF<sub>2</sub>; and hard dispersion materials such as ceramics, in order to improve sinterability, sliding properties and strength and to adjust porosity (a twelfth aspect of the invention).--